

Middletown Public Schools

Middletown, Rhode Island

Thursday, August 22, 2013

Michael S. Pinto Conference Room

4:00 p.m. – Executive Session

Regular School Committee Meeting Immediately Following

Members Present:

Theresa Spengler, Chairman

Kellie DiPalma, Vice-Chairman

Liana Fenton

Paul Mankofsky

William O'Connell

Also Present:

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools

Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent

Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager

Edward Collins, Director of Facilities

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Theresa Spengler at

4:02 p.m.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5(a) (1). Unanimous vote.

The Regular School Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by Chairman Theresa Spengler. Mrs. Spengler announced that no vote was taken in Executive Session.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING

No “Spotlight on Teaching and Learning” for August 22, 2013.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

No “Proclamations/Awards” for August 22, 2013.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No “Student Activities” for August 22, 2013.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:

- Minutes from meeting with members of the Newport School Committee. There was discussion about shared services.**

CORRESPONDENCE

No “Correspondence” for August 22, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of July Monthly Voucher Summary. Unanimous vote.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the July Monthly Voucher Summary. Motion Passed 4 to 1.

Yay – Theresa Spengler Nay – Paul Mankofsky

Kellie DiPalma

Liana Fenton

William O'Connell

- Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2013 Executive Session.**
- Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2013 School Committee Meeting**
- Approval of Quarterly Report**

July Monthly Vouchers-Summary

Voucher Number Date Total

1030 8/14/2013 \$224,366.11

1029 8/13/2013 \$85.00

1028 8/13/2013 \$3,937.08

1022 8/6/2013 \$6,773.87

1021 8/5/2013 \$54.13

1020 8/5/2013 \$110.00

1019 8/5/2013 \$1,996.00

1018 8/5/2013 \$1,827.90

1017 8/5/2013 \$5,927.49

1016 8/2/2013 \$68,034.65

1010 7/22/2013 \$500.00

1009 7/19/2013 \$1,500.00

1008 7/19/2013 \$623.98

1007 7/19/2013 \$189,212.83

1006 7/16/2013 \$20,590.74

1000 7/3/2013 \$1,200.00

Total \$526,739.78

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

Donna Chelf Assistant Principal, J.H. Gaudet School

Jennifer Haskell Full-Time Social Studies, Middletown High School

Lauren Marx .6 Social Studies, Middletown High School

Lee Ann Wells English, Middletown High School

Eric Wright Full-Time Health & Physical Education, Middletown High School

Gilda Bullard .6 Music Teacher, Elementary & J.H. Gaudet School

Grainne Phelps Grade 8 Mathematics, J.H. Gaudet School

APPOINTMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

Amy Rivera Substitute Bus Monitor

TRANSFER

Sarah McCarty Grade 6, JHG to .5 Guidance and .5 Grade Six

Kimberly D'Arpino French, JHG to Gr. 8 Social Studies

Daniel Kerloch French, MHS to French, JHG

MULTI-AGE REASSIGNMENTS

Erin Doorley-Forman Kindergarten, Aquidneck School

Laura Pasyanos Grade One, Aquidneck School

Camille Guerin Grade One, Forest Avenue School

Maureen Sullivan Kindergarten, Forest Avenue School

Debra Prentiss Grade Two, Aquidneck School

Deanne Reilly Grade Two, Forest Avenue School

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 12, 2013

Arthur Bell Varsity Football

Steve Ponte Junior Varsity Football

John Horsman Assistant Junior Varsity Football

Charles Russ Freshman Football

Dustin Almeida Assistant Freshman Football

COACHING APPOINTMENTS AS OF AUGUST 19, 2013

Dave Kolator Girls' Varsity Soccer

Stephen Turcotte Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer

Luis Oliveira Boys' Varsity Soccer

Tom Conrad Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer

Jessica Daniels Cheerleading (Fall)

Kristen Seyster High School Cross Country

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Marianne Packer Girls Varsity Tennis Coach

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT AS OF AUGUST 19, 2013

Chelsea Seyster High School Cross Country

**RESIGNATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE
AUGUST 31, 2013**

James Tasso Grade 8 Social Studies, J.H. Gaudet School

RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2013

Carmela Geer Community Outreach Director

**Mr. Mankofsky noted that he does not support the Superintendent's
recommendation for cheerleading coach.**

Two members of the cheerleading squad requested to speak

regarding issues with the newly appointed cheerleading coach. Citing personnel issues, they were unable to address their concerns in public.

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ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2012-2013

MOTION: 1) Theresa Spengler, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the budget amendments for 2012-2013.

Unanimous vote

APPROVAL OF 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the budget amendments for 2013-2014.

Unanimous Vote

Ms. Pellerin reiterated the process of reconciliation and explained how the process for submitting and approving the budget for 2013-2014.

APPROVAL OF FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Five-Year Forecast. Unanimous vote

APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAD TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION, 1ST READING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Middle School Lead Teacher Job Description, 1st Reading. Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

•Rick Hole Athletic Foundation Grant – Middletown Public Schools received a \$25,000 grant from the Rick Hole Athletic Foundation. A new scoreboard was purchased. Mr. Collins said a sign will be displayed on the concession thanking the Rick Hole Athletic Foundation for the contribution.

NEW BUSINESS

•School Opening 2013-2014 - Mrs. Kraeger reported that students are being enrolled daily. An additional 30 registrations are scheduled before the opening of school. All position adjustments have been

made regarding the elimination of the Multi-Age Program. Up to date numbers will be reported at the September meeting.

Mr. Collins reported on bussing. With the elimination of one bus, 40 stops were eliminated. Stops cannot be added back in until after school starts.

Mr. Collins also reported on the status of the buildings and grounds. The buildings are ready to be opened. They are cleaned, inspections have been completed, kitchen equipment has been inspected, paving is complete, fire doors have been ordered for Gaudet Middle School and Forest Avenue Schools. The bleachers for Middletown High School will not be delivered until September. The gym floors complete. Camp sessions have been held at Gaudet School and Special

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Education programs and summer school were held at Middletown High School. Intercoms have been installed at Forest Avenue and Aquidneck Schools.

Opening day for teachers is September 3rd (August 30th is for new teacher orientation); September 4th is a full day professional day with Cassie Erkens promoting Professional Learning Community and Common Assessments. Students return on September 5th for a full day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

•**CURRICULUM** – Linda Savastano spoke regarding assessment literacy work and the work with several districts. The 12-13 NWEA summary of math, reading, language usage, and science was included. Mrs. Savastano explained how the NWEA process works. Mrs. Savastano also discussed classification and accountability, which is based upon seven measures.

•**FINANCIAL** – Ms. Pellerin reported on finances. The Business Office is currently finishing a Federal School Lunch audit, the State of Rhode Island is conducting a first-time payroll audit due to the change in retirement, and October starts the annual audits of Uniformed Chart of Accounts, Federal Grants and the usual annual audit.

•**FACILITIES** – Mr. Collins reported earlier in meeting.

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

•Mrs. Fenton attended a general meeting on the Open Meeting Act and Code of Ethics. She also attended a URI Advanced Manufacturing Gathering to include congressional groups. They talked about skill sets, programming, and animation for advanced manufacturing. She also attended a defense meeting at Salve Regina University on Cyber Security which may possibly be another career path in R.I.

•Mr. Mankofsky, along with a group of individuals including several Town Council members, visited Wachusett Regional School today. The enrollment is approximately 2000 students. He will put his notes together and then send out to everyone.

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ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma , 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from the School Committee Meeting at 5:57 p.m. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk